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DRAFT OF ACTION PAPER TO BE SUBMITTED
AT NEXT MEETING OF BOARD TO REAFFIRM
CONSOLIDATION OF D-40 AND D-45

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. June 26, President directed that implementation of NSC 158 (D-45) by all appropriate Executive departments and agencies of U. S. Government be made under the coordination of PSB.

2. There is no time limit on paper. Phase I calls for initiation within 60 days. Phase II requires lengthy preparation but has no time limit on it.

3. On September 2, PSB took following action: "The Board concurred in the State Department proposal for merging the PSB D-40 and D-45 working groups and drafting a revised combined paper."

a. State Department's basic recommendation was that the two groups be merged and "the preparation of a new PSB paper covering the entire field of the psychological exploitation of Soviet Orbit weaknesses, it being understood that details will be worked out on a staff level for subsequent approval in PSB itself."

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Board reaffirm its position on the Consolidation of D-40 and D-45 with the understanding that the details will be worked out on a staff level for subsequent approval by the Board before it is submitted to the NSC. Further, that the consolidation effort be worked out within the following terms of reference:

a. To examine the structure of Soviet power with particular emphasis on the USSR and its European satellites, to identify its major vulnerabilities, to estimate U. S. capabilities for exploiting these vulnerabilities, and to develop a realistic program of coordinated operations to further U. S. and Free World objectives.

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